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RESTORATION OF TELESCOPIC BENEFITS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Railways have restored the telescopic benefits to the passengers in end-to-end fares which were earlier withdrawn on April 1,2006;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether the Railways have made any changes or propose to make any changes in Tatkal Reservation scheme; and

(d) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): From 15.6.2006, the benefit of telescopic fares, as available prior to 1.4.2006, has been restored.

(c) and (d): In the recent past, the following changes have been made in the Tatkal Scheme:-

i) Advance reservation period for booking ticket under Tatkal scheme has been enhanced to five days.

ii) Waiting list tickets are now being issued under this scheme.

iii) Tatkal tickets can be booked through Internet.

iv) A flat refund of 25% of total fare charged on ticket, excluding Tatkal charges, has been introduced on cancellation of confirmed Tatkal tickets surrendered upto 24 hours before schedule departure of the train.

v) On those trains where demand for booking from originating to destination is not enough, Railways have been authorized to earmark intermediate station quota from where ticket under Tatkal Scheme can be issued keeping in view the traffic pattern.